

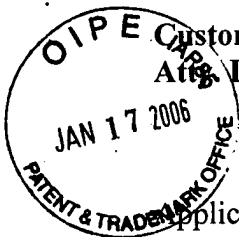
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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)
MAILED JANUARY 11, 2006

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Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed January 11, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application (a copy of which is enclosed) for which a Response to Final Office Action ("Response") and a Request for Continued Examination were filed on January 3, 2006. This Reply is being submitted within the shortened statutory period set for response in the final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005.

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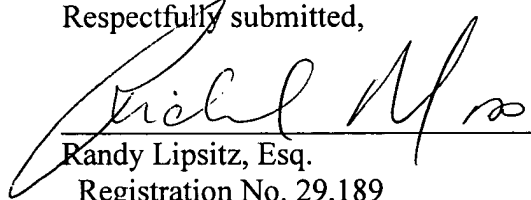
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As required in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have replaced the non-compliant section of the Response (i.e., the **Listing of Claims/Amendments to Claims** section) with a corrected section and are resubmitting the entire Response as corrected (and copies of the RCE and check for \$790.00 as filed on January 3, 2006) herewith. In the corrected **Listing of Claims/Amendments to Claims** section, Applicants replaced the original status identifier "Allowed" associated with claims 4-11 with the corrected identifiers "Previously Presented" for claim 4 and "Original" for claims 5-11.

Notice to the effect that the Response as corrected herein is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this Reply. Please charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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